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PETROLEUM INDUSTRY PROGRESSES;  
MORE COAL DEPOSITS FOUND

PETROLEUM ENTERPRISE EXPANDS -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 26 Jul 50

In 1949, the Dolnja Lendava petroleum enterprise produced distilling equipment for the derivation of gasoline from natural gas. This year, by means of degasifying equipment, liquefied butane has been obtained in Dolnja Lendava. The present Yugoslav butane production is as great as present Yugoslav imports of butane.

The enterprise recently expanded its facilities to the right bank of the Mura River. Preparatory work for the production of petroleum has been done in Lucavesa in Ljutomer Srez. The site for the drill tower is now being prepared.

Drilling did not start sooner in this area because of a shortage of equipment. However, the equipment is now being made available by Yugoslav heavy industry.

The first shop of the petroleum equipment factory in Sesvetski Kraljevac near Zagreb was completed and equipped by 1 May 1950. The shop produces heavy spare parts for drilling equipment, such as rotary swivels, pistons for pumps, and connecting parts for pipes.

A forging shop, laboratories, a pattern shop, a sawmill, and a testing station for drilling equipment will be added to the factory in the near future.

TO EXPLOIT MACEDONIAN COAL DEPOSITS -- Ljubljana Slovenski Procevalec, 18 Jul 50

Large deposits of coal have been discovered in basins at Kicevo and Pelagonija. The Kicevo basin is 4 kilometers wide and 10 - 12 kilometers long. The coal is located just below the surface, which will permit open-pit mining. This basin is expected to produce 1,000 tc of coal per day at first and even more later.

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The Pelagonija Basin has been prospected only in part. It includes a small coal mine at Zivojno, which was recently connected with Bitolj by rail. After drilling in this basin is completed, several other mines will be opened.

Several coal deposits have been discovered on the right bank of the Vardar River in the vicinity of Skoplje. Test drilling will also take place on the left bank.

TRBOVLJE MINE UPS PRODUCTION -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 29 Jul 50

The two Dobrna-Neza open pits of the Trbovlje coal mine have increased their production considerably during the past few months. In June their production was 125 percent greater than in January and 220 percent greater than in February. The basic summer plan for the Dobrna-Neza open pits was surpassed by more than 100 percent and the operational plan by 23 percent.

During the first half of 1950, the Dobrna-Neza pits produced over 1,300 carloads of coal more than was called for by the basic plan and also more than was called for by the operational plan.

BITUMINOUS COAL DEPOSITS DISCOVERED -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 4 Aug 50

Prospecting for coal near the village of Milusina north of Nis has revealed large deposits of 7,000-calorie bituminous coal. Deposits of brown coal have been discovered south of Milusina near Suvi Potok.

Prospecting for graphite at Dugo Polje is also taking place.

COAL MINE EXPANDING -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 22 Jul 50

Two of the four shafts of the Miljevina coal mine near Foca were opened in 1949. The fifth shaft is being opened now. A separator and a cableway will be built soon in Miljevina.

The mine will be supplied with power from the power plant at Mesici, which will be in operation within a few days.

LIGNITE FOUND IN SLAVONIA -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 14 Aug 50

Recently, new rich lignite deposits were found on Psunj Mountain in the vicinity of the new lignite mine near the village of Sbinje in Slavonski Brod Srez. The thickness of these deposits is estimated to be 1.30 meters, and the caloric value is estimated at 4,000.

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